GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SURFACE TRANSPORT
LOK SABHA

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EQUIPMENT AND VESSELS FOR AUGMENTATION OF PORT CAPACITY
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Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Port Association was entrusted by the Government to standardise the equipment and vessels required by the major ports and to short-list the vendors thereof so as to reduce the time required for award of contracts vis-a-vis faster augmentation of port capacity;

(b) if so, the present status thereof;

(c) whether similar/same equipment/vessels are being procured by various major ports;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government propose to take similar action for centralised system of tendering/procurement, as has been done for short-listing of vendors; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT

(DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The short-listing of vendors for major equipment/flotilla required by the ports have since been completed and ports have also been advised to invite the bids for their future requirements from the short-listed venders.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The same/similar equipment/vessels being procured by the ports are Rail Mounted Quay Cranes (RMQC), Rubber Tyred Gantry Crane (RTG), Wharf Cranes, Reach Stacker, etc. and also the flotilla viz. Tugs, Launches and other small floating crafts.

(e)&(f) No, Sir. The merits vis-a-vis demerits of the centralised system of tendering/procurement through consolidation of requirement of all the major ports needs detailed examination. However, action has already been initiated for streamlining and bringing a uniformity with regard to terms & conditions of tender/bid documents of all the major ports.